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(1) A symbol that represents a specific action. For example, a plus sign (+) is an operator that represents addition. The basic mathematic [operators](#) are + **addition**, - **subtraction**, * **multiplication**, / **division**.

In addition to these operators, many [programs](#) and [programming languages](#) recognize other operators that allow you to manipulate numbers and [text](#) in more sophisticated ways. For example, [Boolean operators](#) enable you to test the truth or falsity of conditions, and [relational operators](#) let you compare one value to another.

(2) A computer operator is an individual who is responsible for mounting tapes and [disks](#), making [backups](#), and generally ensuring that a [computer runs](#) properly.

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